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President Clinton signed a Presidential Decision Directive that **establishes** a new government-wide mechanism to assure the more cost effective and efficient protection of our nation's sensitive information and technologies across all federal agencies and departments. The Directive **establishes** a **Security Policy Board** which will become the principal mechanism for reviewing and proposing legislative initiatives and executive orders pertaining to U.S. **security policies**, practices and procedures. The **establishment** of this **Board**, which shall report to the President through the Assistant to the President for National **Security** Affairs, is needed to provide leadership, focus, and direction to the government **security** communities.

Mindful of the need for a less costly and more uniform approach to **security policy** in the Post-Cold War era, the President has charged the **Board** with ensuring a proper balance is struck between the need for an effective flow of information and the need to protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of valuable information. Equally important, the **Board** must insure that our nation's **security policies** and practices are fair and equitable in the treatment of all Americans upon whom we rely to guard our nation's **security**.

Supplementing the efforts of the **Board**, the President will appoint a **Security Policy Advisory Board** of five distinguished Americans to provide a non-governmental review of all **policies** proposed by the **Board**.

To insure coverage of all **security policies** both here and abroad, the President has also redesignated the current Department of State Overseas **Security Policy** Group as the Overseas **Security**

**Policy Board.** The Overseas **Security Policy Board** will work to develop and promote uniform **policies**, standards and agreements on overseas **security** operations, programs and projects which affect United States Government civilian agencies represented abroad.

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